

Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
Friday, May 24, 2002, 1:15 p.m.

Budget hearings

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, May 24, 2002, 1:15 p.m., at the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for county departments and outside agencies.

Present were Chairman W. Steve Ikerd, Vice-Chair Marie H. Huffman, and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Barbara G. Beatty, and Dan A. Hunsucker.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Deputy County Manager Steven D. Wyatt, and Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry.

1. Chairman Ikerd called the special meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone and said the purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings.
2. Budget hearings:
 - a. The following persons gave budget reports and made comments or additional requests on County Manager J. Thomas Lundy's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003:

Dr. Cuylar Dunbar, Catawba Valley Community College

Current Expense

Capital Expense

Randy Icenhour, Chairman, Newton-Conover Schools

Current Expense

Capital Expense

Mr. Icenhour made two additional requests:

- a. *Additional \$50,000 from Schools' Capital Projects fund balance for improvements at Conover School from Schools' Capital Fund Balance for handicapped improvements required by ADA.*
- b. *Request to increase Schools' Capital Projects by \$52,260 in lieu of using School Bond Interest and preserve the bond interest money as a matching grant to renovate vocational education space at the High School.*

Susan Proctor, Executive Director, Council for the Arts

Sidney Halma, Historical Association

Scott Millar, President, Economic Development Corporation

Sally Poteat, Repay

Corki Jones, Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Other Agencies

Other Government Costs

Debbie Pitts, Other Public Safety (Conflict Resolution)

Millie Barbee, Other Economic Development (CVB)

Rob Miller, Executive Director, N-C Auditorium (Other Culture)

J. Thomas Lundy County Manager

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Legal

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Michael Talbert, Facilities

Administration

Capital Improvement Plan

Debbie Bradley, Personnel

Charles E. Moody, Jr., Emergency Services

Administration

Rescue Squads

Districts

Mr. Moody, Emergency Services, requested that the County fund \$10,000 or 25% of the cost of the Fire Inspection position for five municipalities, with municipalities funding 75% from the General Fund. (Hickory, Newton, and Conover provide their own fire inspections.)

Karen Foss, Library

N. Fred Miller, Cooperative Extension

Bobby K. Boyd, Social Services

3. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the board, at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Ikerd made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Steve Ikerd, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk